

## **Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration**

### **On-Site State Project Director Training Session**

**September 26 & 27, 2007**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to host a Baltimore based training session for new State Project Directors for the 2007 MFP grants. This training will be provided September 26 and 27, 2007. The training is intended to provide a basic overview of the key components of the MFP demonstration grants, including:

- Financial and Grant Reporting Requirements
- Overview of Key Sections of the Operational Protocol
- Roles of the CMS Project Officers, MPR evaluation staff, and Ascellon Technical Assistance Providers
- Working with Consumers and Advocates
- Quality Requirements under MFP

This training is primarily intended for newly hired MFP Project Directors who have not yet submitted draft Operational Protocols to CMS for formal review. It is likely that new Project Officers may have missed earlier CMS training calls regarding the demonstration. This training will enable new Project Director to gain the basic information presented on previous CMS training calls. Although not prohibited from attending, Project Directors who have submitted operational protocols may not gain additional benefit from the topics encompassed by this general training session.

We realize that this date may not work for all MFP demonstration Project Directors, therefore, we will ensure that all materials, utilized during this training, will be made available to all interested individuals.

In addition to the Project Director, each State will be permitted (but is *not* required) to bring two additional individuals, involved in the operation of the demonstration, to the training. There is no registration fee to attend this CMS training, however, be advised that all travel and hotel costs are at the State's expense. Each project director should inform their CMS project officer whether they plan to attend and if they will be bringing any additional staff by September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The training will be held at the Sheraton BWI hotel located at 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD. There is a room block at the hotel for this meeting until September 6, 2007. Please call 443/577-2100 to make your reservations and mention "Money Follows the Person." This hotel is close to the Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) airport and has a shuttle available for ground transportation. We look forward to seeing you!

# MFP New Project Directors Training

**September 26 & 27, 2007**

## Baltimore, MD

## September 26

## 9:15 Names and Faces

*Melissa Hulbert*

An introduction to the many individuals involved in staffing and assisting with this initiative.

## 9:30 Project Status, Timeline, Expectations

*Cathy Cope*

The 5 year landscape of the MFP project. What will the State/Federal partnership be for MFP.

**10:00**

## Break

**10:15      How do we get the money?**

*Herbert Thomas*

An in-depth description of financial reporting responsibilities under MFP.

## 11:15 Getting to Yes: Operational Protocol Reviews/Benchmark Approval

*Carey Appold*

The process, including the pitfalls, of getting OP approval with a special emphasis on rebalancing benchmarks.

**Noon**

**Lunch with the Project Directors**

**1:00      Research Questions and the Minimum Data Set to answer them**

*Carol Irvin*

The essential research questions that will be answered by the evaluation and the state reported data that will be used in the analysis.

**2:30**

**Break**

**3:00      The Federal Report on Housing**

*Kathryn King*

Efforts at the Federal level to create housing partnerships.

**3:30      Programmatic TA—It's free!**

*Bob Mollica*

Assessing your needs for technical assistance and responding to them.

**4:15      Questions for the Feds**

*MFP Team*

Stump the chump time. Now is the time to ask.

**5:00      Adjourn**

# **MFP New Project Directors Training**

## **Baltimore, MD**

**September 27, 2007**

### **9:00 Yes, CMS is Serious about Stakeholders**

*John Sorensen*

The requirements and expectations around the involvement of stakeholders in the design and operation of the project.

### **9:30 Quality-What is Above and Beyond the Waivers?**

*Mary Beth Ribar*

MFP uses a 1915(c) platform for quality requirements. What are the similarities and differences?

### **10:00 Break**

### **10:15 The Quality Technical Assistance Strategy**

*Beth Jackson*

Help is available for meeting the MFP quality standards.

### **12:15 Adjourn**

The meeting room will be available through the end of the day. State Project Directors are free to share the space for small meetings with each other.